

### Remarks

The Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2006 indicates that the amendments filed June 19, 2006 will not be entered because they do not place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal, and also because they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. Filing of the RCE submitted concurrently herewith will be effective to obtain entry of the previous amendments.

In addition, claim 12 has been amended to require that the aromatic ethers also have a phenolic hydroxyl group, in addition to the alcoholic hydroxyl group, thus incorporating the limitation of claim 23 which depends on claim 12. As a result of this amendment, claim 23 has been cancelled.

The Advisory Action indicates that the rejection of claim 15 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, as well as the rejection of claims 14-22 as being anticipated by the Guest et al. reference, have been overcome; and that the rejection of claim 12 as being anticipated or suggested by Summer et al. is being maintained.

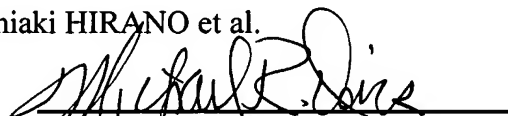
However, as indicated above, amended claim 12 requires that, in addition to the alcoholic hydroxyl group, the aromatic ethers also have a phenolic hydroxyl group. The final product of the Summer et al. reference (i.e. bis(hydroxylethyl)ether) does not have a phenolic hydroxyl group. Accordingly, the subject matter of amended claim 12 is considered to be clearly patentable over this reference.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

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